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SUBJECT: DRAFT TAX TREATY

REF: A. CAIRO 2920 B. STATE 133937 C. CAIRO 5974

1. DR. AHMED EFFAT, COORDINATOR FOR US ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE AND EGYPTIAN CO-CHAIRMAN OF JOINT BUSINESS
COUNCIL, CALLED CHARGE JULY 15 TO REQUEST STATUS REPORT
ON US CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT TAX TREATY BETWEEN US AND
EGYPT. EFFAT EXPLAINED THAT FINANCE MINISTRY
UNDER SEC SAYED HABIB HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM AND
HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ENTERING INTO EARLY
DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER WITH US NEGOTIATING TEAM.

2. CHARGE INFORMED EFFAT THAT DRAFT STILL BEING STUDIED
AND, AS MENTIONED IN REFTEL B, LATEST CONTACT TOOK PLACE
IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN BAROUDI AND TREASURY
OFFICIALS WITH INDICATIONS THAT NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS
STAND IN WAY OF EARLY APPROVAL OF DRAFT. CHARGE PROMISED
TO QUERY WASHINGTON TO OBTAIN LATEST STATUS REPORT.

3. HABIB'S QUESTION INDICATES EGYPTIANS ARE READY
TO PROCEED WITH SCENARIO DISCUSSED DURING JWG
MINI-MEETING HELD IN MARCH (REFTEL A). IT WILL BE
RECALLED THAT EMBASSY REQUESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES
TO INDICATE VIEW AS TO USEFULNESS OF SENDING
NEGOTIATING TEAM TO CAIRO TO PURSUE DISCUSSIONS OF
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DRAFT TEXT.

4. SINCE GOE HAS EXPRESSED ACTIVE INTEREST IN
CONCLUDING TAX TREATY, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO BE IN
A POSITION TO CONVEY TO EFFAT AND HABIB OUR CURRENT
POSITION REGARDING TREATY CONSIDERATION AND TO INFORM
THEM OF ANY PLANS FOR EARLY RESUMPTIONS OF
DISCUSSIONS OF DRAFT TREATY. PLEASE ADVISE.
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